

the above-identified patent application. Copies of the unsigned Combined Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney and the filing receipt for the above-identified patent application accompany this preliminary amendment. Accordingly, as set forth in 66 FR 67087, 67090 (December 28, 2001), a petition and surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5) are not required.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121, attached as Appendix A is a Version With Markings to Show Changes Made.

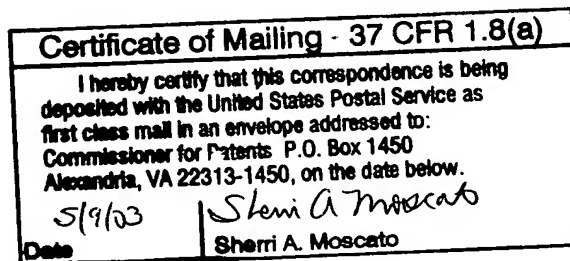
Applicants submit that this case is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix A

Version With Markings to Show Changes Made

In reference to the amendment made herein to the specification, additions appear as underlined text, while deletions appear as bracketed text, as indicated below:

In the Specification:

The following sentence has been added at page 1, line 3 as the first sentence following the title:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/267,112 filed February 7, 2001.